

Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

Applicant has amended claims 10 and 16 to include protein kinase C ("PKC") within the Markush group listed in these claims. Descriptive support for this amendment is provided in Example 4, at Table 1, where PKC (α isoform) was demonstrated to exhibit a 2.4-fold increase in expression under the recited conditions. PKC (α isoform) is designated in Table 1 as 'PRKCA'. Therefore, no new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

In response to the written restriction requirement, applicant hereby elects the subject matter of Group 4 (i.e., claims 1, 3-10, 12, and 14-18) without traverse.

In response to the election of species requirement, applicant hereby elects PKC from the species listed in claims 10 and 16. Claims of Group 4 reading on the elected species include claims 1, 3-10, 12, and 14-16. Because the elected species is allowable, applicant respectfully requests examination of the entire genus as presently claimed.

Respectfully submitted,

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